

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image processing system comprising:  
an image processing unit for processing input image  
data; and  
5 an output unit for outputting an image processed in  
the image processing unit;

wherein said image processing unit has a function of  
cutting out a background portion of the image and  
effecting color specification and further has a function  
10 of specifying a method of processing the background  
portion, and when printing the image, said output unit  
recognizes the background portion on basis of said color  
specification and carries out background processing for  
the recognized background portion on basis of said  
15 specified method of processing the background portion.

2. An image processing system according to claim 1,  
wherein said output unit converts pixels into a pattern  
and prints the background portion with a discontinuous  
pattern on basis of the specified method of processing the  
20 background portion.

3. An image processing system according to claim 2,  
wherein said pattern is one of a stripe pattern and a dot  
pattern.

4. An image processing system according to claim 1,  
25 wherein said color specification specifies a uniform  
density of a specific color.

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